Mr. K. J. Antony.—When was Mr. Koshi Mathew appointed in the Medical Department?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not a supplementary question to this.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—May I know what extra work is given to Mr. Koshi Mathew?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He is the Assistant Surgeon in the Ophthalmic Hospital.

Mr. K. J. Antony.—Was he assisting the X-Ray expert, when the expert was there?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The answer is given there.

Teaching of Hindi.

25. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Hindi language is taught in any of the schools of the State now;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, the number of schools in which it is taught;

(c) if the answer is in the negative, whether they intend introducing it in the curriculum of studies in schools?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) and (b). Yes, sanction has been given to conduct private classes in four institutions.

(c) No.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Did the Government conider the desirability of introducing Hindi in the curricula of studies in Schools?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It cannot be made compulsory in all the schools.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Wariar.—I never said that it was to be made compulsory. My question does not say that it should be made compulsory. May I know the difficulties that were found by the Government in their way?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—I want notice.

Collection of metals for roads.

26. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the total length of P. W. D. roads on the sides of which metals for repair have been collected and kept this year;

(2) the reasons why they did not make arrangements for storing them outside, thereby causing inconvenience and danger to traffic?

Rao Bahadur Mr. John Kuriyan.—(1) No statistics are available.

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